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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South Carolina Conference

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Held in Spartanburg, S. C., commencing Thursday, Dec. 11, 1862.

Bishop JOHN EARLY, of Virginia, Presiding.

The Conference met at nine o'clock, in the Court-house, and, after religious services, conducted by A. M. Foster, the Roll was called, and ninety-three members were present.

F. A. Mood was re-elected Secretary, and O. A. Darby, A. J. Stokes, and R. B. Alston Assistants.

Half-past nine, A. M., and half-past one, P. M., were fixed as the hours of meeting and adjournment.

The usual committees for the session were appointed.

Conference contiuued its session during Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday following; the sessions being daily opened with reading the Scriptures and the exercises of a prayer meeting.

After answering the questions required by Discipline, and receiving reports from the Literary and Benevolent Institutions connected with the Conference, and the other business usual to Conference sessions had been transacted, the appointments for the ensuing year were announced, and the Conference adjourned with prayer and benediction from the Bishop.

JOHN EARLY, *Bishop*, Lynchburg, Va.
F. ASBURY MOOD, *Secretary*, Charleston, S. C.

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QUESTION I. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

Richard R. Dagnall, John C. Hartsell, Robert C. Oliver, Samuel A. Weber.

QUESTION II. *Who Remain on Trial?*

James H. Tart, Thomas H. Edwards, James F. Wilson, Jeremiah J. Snow.

QUESTION III. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

John L. Sifley, Duncan J. McMillan, James J. Workman, Robert B. Tarrant, William M. Wilson, John E. Penny, Henry J. Morgan, William A. Hodges, John L. Stoudemire, James D. Carpenter, Newton K. Melton, John A. Wood, John H. C. McKinney, James P. De Pass.

QUESTION IV. *Who are Readmitted?*

William T. Capers.

QUESTION V. *Who are Admitted by Transfer from other Conferences?*

Jeremiah J. Snow, from Florida Conference, on trial.

QUESTION VI. *Who are the Deacons of One Year?*

James B. Campbell, John W. McRoy, James W. Coward, Algernon S. Link, Thomas J. Clyde, John W. Humbert, Andrew J. Stokes, Lindsey C. Weaver, Peter L. Herman, Wesley W. Graham, George H. Wells, Thomas W. Munnerlyn.

QUESTION VII. *What Travelling Preachers are Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

John L. Sifley, Duncan J. McMillan, James J. Workman, Robert B. Tarrant, William M. Wilson, John E. Penny, Henry J. Morgan, William A. Hodges, John L. Stoudemire, James D. Carpenter, Newton K. Melton, John A. Wood, John H. C. McKinney, James P. De Pass.

QUESTION VIII. *What Local Preachers are Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

Richard R. Dagnall, William J. Hutson, William Thomas, Thomas J. Allen, David L. Whitaker, George Allen.

QUESTION IX. *What Travelling Preachers are Elected and Ordained Elders?*

James C. Stoll, Oliver Eaddy, Chambers E. Land, Robert B. Alston, John B. Massebeau, Thomas G. Herbert, Frederick Auld, William Bowman.

QUESTION X. *What Local Preachers are Elected and Ordained Elders?*

Elijah A. Austin, Edward G. Gage, John Inabinet, John C. Crumley.

QUESTION XI. *Who have Located this Year?*

None.

QUESTION XII. *Who are Supernumerary?*

Samuel B. Jones, Whitefoord Smith, Lindsey C. Weaver, William C. Kirkland, Colin Murchison, Abner Ervin, Alexander W. Walker, Hilliard C. Parsons, Willis S. Halton, Robert B. Alston, James S. Ervin.

QUESTION XIII. *Who are Superannuated?*

Alexius M. Foster, William C. Patterson, David Derrick, Hartwell Spain, Bond English, Joel W. Townsend, William Crook, Archibald B. McGilvray, Jessie S. Nelson, Paul A. M. Williams.

QUESTION XIV. *What Preachers have Died during the past Year?*

Jonathan L. McGregor.

Rev. ADDISON P. MARTIN was born and brought up in Laurens district, S. C., and was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when about sixteen years old. He was licensed to preach in 1846, and in 1847 was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference and sent to * * * *; in 1848 he travelled on * * * *; in 1849 * * * *; in 1850 * * * *; in 1851 Waccamaw Mission; in 1852 Walterboro' Circuit; in 1853 Darlington; in 1854 Liberty Chapel Mission; in 1855 Jocasse Mission; in 1856 and 1857 he travelled on Laurens Circuit. In 1858 he was placed on the supernumary list, which relation he sustained till his death. About the first of last July he went to Richmond, to nurse and take care of his youngest brother, who had been wounded in one of the battles near that place. After an absence of a few weeks he returned home ill with camp fever, and died on the thirteenth of August. Brother Martin was a very pious man, and a zealous and useful minister. During the last five years of

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his life he resided in the Laurens circuit, where he labored to the full extent of his ability for the advancement of the cause of Christ. On his death-bed he bore his illness with the greatest patience and fortitude, and his last words were expressive of his confidence in the religion of the Bible, and of his unshaken faith in Christ. His end was peace.

QUESTION XV. *Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The life and administration of each one was carefully inquired into and approved by Conference. Martin Eaddy was expelled, and John Hutchinson suspended from the functions of the ministry for one year.

QUESTION XVI. *What is the number of Preachers and Members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?*

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THE NUMBER IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.....	Members.....	Probationers.....	Colored Members....	Colored Probationers.	Sunday-schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.....	Colored Scholars.....	Volumes in Library...	For Missions	For Sunday-schools ..	Conference Collection.
Charleston	11	2,034	103	7,867	1,299	12	111	556	1,352	2,900	$2,265 15	.....	$778 50
Orangeburg	32	3,809	380	4,625	624	32	161	767	737	2,350	2,000 00	$154 10	681 95
Marion	51	4,783	516	6,821	1,025	40	203	1,090	1,521	1,086	2,534 12	.....	879 85
Columbia	22	3,537	400	8,508	959	37	204	1,194	1,859	5,594	3,328 50	62 21	1,015 60
Cokesbury	38	4,962	445	5,037	641	47	272	1,501	90	4,477	878 25	35 00	524 35
Wadesboro'	24	5,504	597	3,772	458	64	347	215	584	7,569	1,957 00	105 00	408 10
Lincolnton	27	5,608	651	2,439	419	47	257	1,608	35	5,553	495 15	21 00	312 30
Spartanburg.....	19	4,619	219	1,961	206	45	240	1,410	130	6,250	662 30		439 70
Total this year.	224	34,850	3,311	41,020	5,631	324	1,795	8,341	6,308	35,779	$14,120 47	$377 31	$5,040 35
" last year.	228	34,804	3,182	42,694	5,906	439	2,652	14,237	7,734	46,913			
Increase.....	.....	46	129										
Decrease.....	4	.....	.....	1,674	275	115	857	5,896	1,426	11,134			

QUESTION XVII. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective districts, circuits, and stations?*

$6,935.

QUESTION XVIII. *What has been collected on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?*

$5,020; and distributed among twenty-eight applicants, according to the Discipline.

QUESTION XIX. *What has been contributed for the Missionary and Sunday-school Societies?*

For Missions, $16,781 26. For Sunday-schools, $377 30.

QUESTION XX. *Where and when shall the next Session of the Conference be held?*

In Sumter, S. C.; the time to be fixed by the Bishops.

QUESTION XXI. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	POST-OFFICES.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	F. Asbury Mood, P. E.	Charleston, S. C.
Charleston:		
Trinity and Cumberland Street	John T. Wightman	" "
Bethel and Spring St.	James Stacy	" "
Walterboro'	Martin L. Banks and *Jeremiah J. Snow*	Walterboro', "
Ashley and Round O Mission	Abram Nettles	Summerville, "
Pon Pon Mission	Peyton G. Bowman	Adams' Run, "
Ashepoo and Combahee Mission	*Jas. W. Coward*	Blue House, "
Bamberg	Thomas Raysor	Bamberg, "
Allendale	John A. Mood	Allendale, "
Black Swamp	Samuel Leard and *N. K. Melton*	Brighton, "
Savannah River Miss.	John R. Coburn	Hardeville, "
Prince William, Bluffton, Beaufort and Edisto & Jehossee Miss.	Broken up by the Abolitionists.	

Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Missionary to China ...	Benjamin Jenkins	Shanghai, China.
Chaplain in the Army	Alexander B.Stephens	
Orangeburg district.	Wm. G. Connor, P. E.	Graham's t. o.,S.C.
Orangeburg.....	John W. Kelly and *Robert B. Tarrant*...	Orangeburg, "
St. Matthew's.....	*John W. McRoy*.....	Fort Motte, "
Fort Motte Mission ...	To be supplied.....	
Providence.....	John D. W. Crook...	
Summerville	*John L. Sifley*.....	Summerville, "
Mt. Holly Mission	To be supplied.....	
Cooper River.....	Jacob S. Connor.....	Pineville, "
Cooper River Mission	To be supplied.....	
Middle St. John's Mis.	*John E. Penny*.....	Summerville, "
St. James Goose Creek Mission	To be supplied.....	
St. George's	Abel M. Chrietzberg..	St. George's, "
Blackville.....	Charles Wilson.....	Blackville, "
Edisto Fork Mission...	Edmond A. Price.....	Jordan's Mills, "
Barnwell	William Carson.....	Williston, "
Aiken	*Wesley W. Graham*...	" "
Graniteville Mission...	Wm. J. E. Frippe.....	Graniteville, "
Lexington	Wm. A. Clarke and *Algernon S. Link*.....	Lexington, "
Chaplain in the Army	John W. Miller.....	
Marion district.....	W. A. Gamewell, P. E.	Marion, "
Marion	Marcus A. McKibben and *James H. Tart**	" "
Marion Circuit.....	Thomas Mitchell and *James B. Campbell*...	" "
Georgetown & Sampit	*William M. Wilson*...	Georgetown, "
Santee Mission	Broken up by the Abolitionists	
Black River and Pee Dee Mission.....	Israel P. Hughes	" "
Waccamaw Mission ...	Charles Betts	" "
Conwayboro'.....	*Duncan J. McMillan*, *John A. Wood*, and Abner Ervin, sup...	
Darlington.....	John A. Porter.....	Darlington, "
Darlington Circuit.....	Lewis M. Little.....	" "
Lynchburg.....	John W. Crider and George H. Wells*..	Lynchburg, "

Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Brownesville	Lewis M. Hamer	
Williamsburg	John W. Murray and *Henry J. Morgan*	
Liberty Chapel and Lynch's Creek	Miles Puckett	Mar's Bluff, S. C.
Chaplain in the Army	Wm. A. Hemingway	
Columbia district.	Robert J. Boyd, P. E.	Columbia, "
Columbia:		
Washington Street	William P. Mouzon	" "
Marion Street	William T. Capers and S. Townsend	" "
Colored People	William Martin	" "
Congaree Mission	Nicholas Talley	" "
Fairfield	And. J. Cauthen and *Richard R. Dagnall*	
Chester	John R. Pickett	Chester, "
Sandy Run Mission	Evan A. Lemmond	
Rocky Mount	Claudius H. Pritchard	
Richland	David W. Seale	Columbia, "
Richland Fork Mission	Cornelius McLeod	Gadsden's T. O. "
Camden	Manning Brown	Camden, "
Wateree Mission	Jacob L. Shuford	" "
Sumter	Henry D. Moore	Sumter, "
Sumter Circuit	Paul F. Kistler and *James P. De Pass**	" "
Bishopville	A. W. Walker and *L. C. Weaver*, sup.	Bishopville, "
Santee	John W. North	Friendship P. O. "
Upper Santee Mission	Edw. J. Pennington	" " "
Manchester	*Thomas W. Munnerlyn*	Fulton, "
Manning	William W. Mood	Manning, "
President Columbia Female College	Henry M. Mood	Columbia, "
Chaplain in the Army	Elias J. Meynardie	Charleston, "
Cokesbury district.	Sidi H. Browne, P. E.	Cokesbury, S. C.
Cokesbury	John M. Carlisle and Saml. B. Jones, sup.	" "
Laurens	J. H. Zimmerman and *James J. Workman*	Laurens, "
Newberry	*Thomas J. Clyde*	Newberry, "
Newberry Circuit	M. N. Connelly and Jas. W. Wightman	" "

Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Ninety-Six	William A. McSwain	Greenwood, S. C.
Saluda River Mission	William H. Lawton...	
Mapleton	Edward F. Thwing...	
Butler	Thomas G. Herbert...	
Edgefield	Alexander L. Smith...	Edgefield, "
Abbeville	A. G. Stacy	Abbeville, "
Anderson	Francis M. Morgan...	Anderson, "
Pendleton	William Bowman	Pendleton, "
Pickens	T. Sumter Daniel	Pickens, "
Chaplains in the Army	William C. Power and William S. Black...	
Wadesboro' district.	Charles Taylor, P. E.	Wadesboro', N. C.
Wadesboro'	Saml. J. Hill and Hilliard C. Parsons, sup.	" "
Wadesboro' Circuit	Basil G. Jones and Louis A. Johnson*..	" "
Ansonville	Allan McCorquodale..	Ansonville, "
Albermarle	Simpson Jones	Albermarle, "
Concord	Landy Wood and Willis L. Halton, sup...	Concord, "
Monroe	John W. Puett and *Thomas H. Edwards*	Monroe, "
Bennettsville	Tracy R. Walsh and *P. L. Herman*	Bennettsville, S.C.
Catawba River Miss.	Geo. W. M. Creighton	
Chesterfield	Oliver Eaddy and *James T. Wilson*...	Chesterfield, "
Cheraw	John B. Massebeau...	Cheraw, "
Coalfields Railroad Mission	Wesley L. Pegues and R. Randolph Pegues	
Lancaster	C. E. Land and Abram N. Wells	Lancaster, "
Society Hill Mission	Daniel A. Ogburn	Society Hill, "
Chaplain in the Army	Francis M. Kennedy..	
Catawba district.	Robert P. Franks, P.E.	
Lincolnton	Osgood A. Darby	Lincolnton, N. C.
Dallas	*James D. Carpenter*	
Pineville	James C. Stoll	Pineville, "
Charlotte	Dennis J. Simmons..	Charlotte, "
Charlotte Circuit	Louis Scarbrough	" "
Catawba	Augustus R. Bennick.	Newton, "

Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Lenoir	*Robert C. Oliver*	Lenoir, N. C.
Morganton	James Watts and James M. Cline*	Morganton, "
Shelby	George W. Ivey and Abram P. Avant	Shelby, "
Yorkville	*John W. Humbert* and Robt. B. Alston, sup.	Yorkville, S. C.
Rock Hill	James T. Kilgo and Daniel May	Rock Hill, "
Chaplain in the Army	Eugene W. Thompson	
Spartanburg distr't.	Wm. H. Fleming, P.E.	Spartanburg, "
Spartanburg	Whitefoord Smith, G. W. Moore, and Alex. W. Walker, sup.	" "
Spartanburg Circuit	Joseph Parker and W. C. Kirkland, sup.	" "
McDowell	*Jas. L. Stoudemire* and James S. Ervin, sup.	McDowell, N. C.
Rutherford	Wm. W. Jones	Rutherford, "
Columbus	*John H. McKinney*	Columbus, "
Pacolet	*Wm. A. Hodges*	
Goshen Hill	John Finger	Goshen Hill, S. C.
Union	Hugh A. C. Walker, *Saml. A. Weber*, and C. Murchison, sup.	Union, "
Greenville	Frederick Auld	Greenville, "
Greenville Circuit	Wm. Hutto, *John C. Hartsell*, and A. H. Lester	Buena Vista, "
Pickensville	Van Buren A. Sharpe and David D. Byars	Pickens, S. C.
Keowee Mission	To be supplied	
Wofford College	Albert M. Shipp, President, Whitefoord Smith, Professor	Spartanburg, "
Spartanburg Female College	*A. J. Stokes*, Professor	" "

Those marked * are in the Army.

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE THE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL, AND THE CLASSES ON THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

To Examine the Candidates.—S. H. Browne, *Chairman;* J. H. Zimmerman, and W. C. Kirkland.

First Year.—A. M. Chritzberg, *Chairman;* Thomas Raysor, James T. Kilgo, and W. W. Mood.

Second Year.—J. W. Kelly, *Chairman;* H. C. Parsons, William Hutto, Jacob S. Connor.

Third Year.—Thomas Mitchell, *Chairman;* W. H. Lawton, J. W. Wightman, O. A. Darby.

Fourth Year.—W. A. Gamewell, *Chairman;* H. M. Mood, M. L. Banks, W. J. E. Frippe.

RESOLUTIONS.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to renewed and increased efforts to sustain the Southern Christian Advocate.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to augment the fund appropriated for sending the paper to our soldiers.

F. A. Mood and W. G. Connor were appointed on the Publishing Committee of the Southern Christian Advocate on behalf of this Conference.

SOLDIERS' TRACT ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That we cordially unite with the Virginia Conference in the resolution to support the Soldiers' Tract Association of Richmond in distributing tracts among the soldiers of all the Southern states, and that a special collection be taken up in the month of January for that purpose in all our congregations.

FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That the first Sunday in May and September be observed as days of fasting and prayer, and that our people are invited to attend as far as may be at their several churches on those days for religious exercises.

MONUMENT TO THE STUDENTS OF WOFFORD COLLEGE WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

Resolved, That this Conference concurs in the proposal made by a lady of Spartanburg, to erect a monument in front of Wofford College buildings in memory of the students of the College who have died in the service of their country.

Resolved, That in furtherance of that object each preacher of the Conference will endeavor to raise twenty dollars.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to call a meeting of the General Conference at such time and place as in their judgment may seem best.

Under the foregoing resolution the following delegates were elected.

A. M. Shipp, W. A. Gamewell, H. A. C. Walker, R. J. Boyd, W. A. McSwain, S. H. Browne, W. P. Mouzon, James Stacy, H. C. Parsons, C. Betts. *Reserves*, J. T. Wightman, C. H. Pritchard, H. M. Mood.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have six copies of the Printed Minutes annually deposited in the archives of the Historical Society.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference met in the basement of the Methodist church on Wednesday, the 10th December, 1862, in Spartanburg, S. C., Rev. Charles Betts, President, in the Chair.

The anniversary exercises were held in the Methodist church on Saturday evening, December 13. The meeting was opened with Religious exercises by Rev. E. H. Myers, D. D., and addresses were made by Rev. James Duncan, of the Virginia Conference, and Rev. Dr. Whitefoord Smith. The annual Report was read by Rev. H. M. Mood.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference.

DECEMBER 13, 1862.

There is no feature of Christianity more striking than its aggressive feature, especially when viewed in contrast with the old dispensation from which it had just emerged. Judaism was essentially fixed in its character. Jerusalem was the Holy city, and in the temple was the only altar — worship by sacrifice could be performed nowhere else. It arose to the zenith of its glory during the reign of Solomon, who, seated upon an ivory throne and wielding a golden sceptre, had more extensive dominion and a more splendid reign than any other Jewish monarch, and yet Judaism was circumscribed and exclusive as it had been. How great the contrast in this respect with Christianity! The commission of the seventy was only a prelude to the commission of the twelve, and the broad, aggressive command was: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The providence of God has wrought wonderfully in sympathy with the Apostolic commission, and Christianity, wherever vigorous, has claimed as its chief glory proselytes to the faith of Christ. The first persecution at Jerusalem only scattered the firebrands, which instead of extinguishing the fire only spread the conflagration, until in a few years disciples were numbered in the household of the Cæsars, and witnesses for Christ in every part of the known world. The question naturally arises, if this be true, why has the world not been converted before this? The answer is obvious. God chose the Church as the instrumentality for the world's conversion and she proved recreant to the trust. Self-aggrandizement, a voluptuous appropriation of every excellence to herself, and a reckless disregard for the wants of the race demoralized and robbed her of her glory.

Methodism was designed by its great founder to revive the great aggressive principle of Christianity which the Church had lost, and push the conquests of Christ's kingdom into every land. This may be seen in the organization of the ministry into an itinerant scheme, lay pastors, cheap churches, the burn-

ing zeal and self-sacrifice of their ministry, the earnest labor of the laymen, and in the early and constant effort in domestic and foreign missionary fields. Asbury and Coke, the first two bishops of the Church, were personifications of this principle. Asbury with America for his home, represents Christianity in its domestic aggressions, and Coke travelling from continent to continent, and from island to island, in its foreign fields of labor.

The Church can only hope to be healthy, vigorous, and useful as she is industrious in diffusing the benefits of the Cross. Indolence and selfishness are blighting curses, which first corrupt, then paralyze, and then destroy. A burning zeal and a profuse benevolence are sure evidences of a faith which justifies, regenerates, and saves.

Never has a Church been blessed with a more inviting field, and one which has yielded larger returns than the one which, in the providence of God, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been called chiefly to occupy. In her very midst, and united to her by the strongest ties, is a community of persons which excites her Christian sympathy and invites her labor. She has entered the field and scattered the seed, and like Abraham in his first efforts in husbandry, has thrust in the sickle and reaped a hundred fold. The success has been beyond her most sanguine anticipations, and again and again she has been led to exclaim: "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Already have the results surpassed the returns of all foreign missionary fields of labor. Slavery, regarded as a curse, is thus proved to be the means which Providence has chosen for the salvation of a race so weakened in intellect and debased in moral character as to be incapable of Christianity in any other way. If the negro is ever elevated to a position of self-government it will not be by foreign missionary labor in his native African wilds, but by domestic missionary effort through the medium of Southern slavery. The negro, enslaved but Christianized, is the negro more intelligent, more happy, more useful, and more virtuous than either in his African home or in a state of freedom in America. Slavery has been appointed by the Great Head of the Church as the means to liberate him from the dominion of Satan and the curse of sin. With a low type of intellect and a transmitted degradation from debased progenitors, freedom degrades and corrupts him, and slavery elevates and improves him. He needs in his abject condition the superior intelligence and paternity of the white man. When free, the white man is his rival and enemy, with whom he has neither energy nor sagacity to compete; in slavery, the white man is his friend and guardian. In freedom he is at once the most helpless and unproductive of the race, and his tendency is to complete vagrancy; in slavery his labor supplies the factories of the world, and the white man is his

tower of strength. In freedom he is thrown upon his own resources, which are inadequate to his support or happiness; in slavery he is brought not to the door of the white man but to his bosom, and who is bound to him by the ties of interest, affection, and gratitude. Hence, wherever the experiment has been made the proofs are the same, viz: that Christianity suits the slave and the slave is the fit subject of Christianity.

There is nothing in the development of the present war, afflictive as it is, to dispirit the Church in her great missionary movement, even though her flocks are dispersed and the missionary temporarily driven from his field of labor; but on the other hand there is everything to excite and encourage her to renewed effort. It is a significant fact that there have been fewer serious difficulties between the negroes and their owners since the progress of the war than between the captured slaves and their Northern capturers, and in many instances there have been unusual demonstrations of patriotism and affection to owners; proving that slavery, even in a state of war, is an element of strength rather than of weakness. In one section of our state embracing about 10,000 negroes and only about 30 whites, 10 whites have gone over to the enemy and only about 50 negroes. In another instance, where the planter—conscious of his inability to prevent the escape of his slaves, numbering about 200—gave them their choice either to go with him or to the enemy, they unanimously determined to go with him, stating that some of their number had been over to the camp of the enemy and heard their invitations and promises, but preferred slavery with a good master and a missionary to freedom without them. The tendency of the present war has been to develop the loyalty of the negro to his master, and to bind the missionary more closely both to the master and the slave, so that in several instances the planters have declared that the labors and influence of the missionaries have saved their negroes.

Let us then rally to the chief missionary enterprise of the Church. It is the sphere in which Providence has thrust us, and we shall be recreant to God and the Church if we falter. We are bound to the negro by strong domestic ties. He forms a part of our home circle, and we have been raised as members of the same household. In infancy we have been nursed, and fed, and reared by him. He has shared with us the sports of childhood. He is our chief source of wealth. We therefore owe him a debt of gratitude, and are bound to him by the common instincts of our nature, and if we have received his temporal things it is but just that he should share our spiritual things.

There are 32 missions within the bounds of the South Carolina Conference. 8 are to the whites and 24 to the colored people. 10 of these are in a disorganized state, in consequence of the invasion of our coast. There are 697 whites in full connection

and 57 on probation — 6,537 colored in full connection, and 599 on probation—2,614 colored children under religious instruction. These missions have been supplied by faithful and zealous ministers connected with the Conference, and have been during the past year graciously sustained and preserved.

The Board submit the following synopsis of the operations of the Society for the past year:

1. *Pon Pon Mission* was served by Rev. P. G. Bowman. No statistical report. Mission continued.

2. *Ashepoo* was served by Rev. J. W. Coward. No statistical report. Mission continued.

3. *Combahee* was served by Rev. M. L. Banks. No statistical report. Mission continued.

4. *Prince William's* was served by Rev. E. J. Pennington. No statistical report. Mission continued.

5. *Savannah River* was served by Rev. J. R. Coburn. No statistical report. Mission continued.

6. *Bluffton Mission* continued.

7. *Beaufort Mission* continued.

8. *Edisto and Jehossee Mission* continued.

All of the above missions were either broken up or seriously interfered with by the invasion of our coast by the Abolitionists. The names, however, are continued in the list of Missions.

9. *Cooper River* reports 26 white members, 336 colored members, 90 catechumens, 5 preaching places; amount for Missions, $123. Continued.

10. *Middle St. John's* was served by Rev. J. W. Moore, who reports 5 churches, 15 plantations served; colored members in full connection, 332; colored members on trial, 47; catechumens, 520; amount for Missions, $603. Continued.

11. *Graniteville Mission* was served by Rev. M. A. McKibben. This is a Mission to the whites. He reports 92 whites, 5 colored; received for Missions, $456 75. Continued.

12. *St. James Goose Creek Mission* has 90 colored members, 20 on probation, and 30 children catechized. Mission continued.

13. *Edisto Fork* was served by Rev. E. J. Price, who reported 104 whites in full connection, 69 colored; amount for Missions, $55. Mission continued.

14. *Summerville*—This is a mission to the whites, and was served by Rev. J. W. Miller. There are 10 preaching places, 230 white members, 17 on trial; 570 colored, 40 on trial; amount for Missions, $434 25; changed into a circuit, and a new mission to be formed, to be called Mount Holly.

15. *St. Matthew's* was served by Rev. J. W. McRoy. White members, 3; colored, 69; probationers, 6. The Mission continued, but name changed to Fort Motte.

16. *Santee*—No statistical report; disorganized on account of the war. Mission continued.

17. *Black River and Pedee* was served by Rev. I. P. Hughes,

who reports 73 white members, 7 on trial; 858 colored, 108 on trial; 9 churches, 13 plantations, 432 catechumens; amount for Missions, $375. Continued.

18. *Waccamaw* was served by Rev. C. Betts. 22 whites, 648 colored, 223 on trial, 257 catechumens; amount for Missions, $892 82. Mission continued.

19. *Congaree* was served by Rev. N. Talley, who reports white members, 14; colored, 353; on trial, 15; catechumens, 235; amount for Missions, $255 55; condition good. Continued.

20. *Sandy River* was served by Rev. E. A. Lemond, who reports 63 whites, 37 on trial; 225 colored, 52 on trial; $224 for Missions. Continued.

21. *Wateree* was served by J. L. Shuford and W. M. Wilson, who report 50 whites, 6 on trial; 1,120 colored, 106 on trial; catechumens, 420; amount for Missions, $511; 8 churches; condition good. Continued.

22. *Richland Fork* was served by Rev. C. McLeod, who reports 120 whites, 3 on trial; 156 colored, 33 on trial; catechumens, 85. Mission continued.

23. *Upper Santee* was served by Rev. D. D. Byars, who reports 6 churches, 63 whites, 4 on trial; 483 colored, 31 on trial; 250 catechumens; $480 for Missions. Continued.

24. *Manchester* was served by Rev. Thomas W. Munnerlyn, who reports 22 whites, 8 on trial; 550 colored, 50 on trial; catechumens, 150; 3 churches. Mission continued.

25. *Catawba* was served by Rev. C. E. Land, who reports 398 colored members, 29 on trial; 36 whites, 3 on trial; catechumens, 95; amount for Missions, $467 45. Mission continued.

26. *Society Hill* was served by Rev. D. A. Ogburn, who reports 14 plantations, 7 preaching places, 278 colored members, 24 on trial; amount for Missions, $500; condition good. Continued.

27. *Chesterfield*—Stands connected with the Circuit. Continued.

28. *Keowee* reports 8 churches, 182 whites, 4 on trial, 9 colored, 40 catechumens; amount for Missions, $75. Mission continued.

29. *Sampit* was served by Rev. J. A. Mood, who reports 147 colored members, 40 on trial; $525 for Missions. Continued.

30. *Ashley and Round O* was served by Rev. A. Nettles, who reports 14 preaching places, 5 churches, 229 catechumens, 45 whites, 2 on trial; 265 colored, 114 on trial; amount for Missions, $650 20. Continued.

31. *Saluda River* was served by Rev. W. H. Lawton. This is mainly a mission to the whites. No report. Mission continued.

32. *Rocky Pond* was served by Rev. J. W. Creighton, who reports that he has received on trial 25 whites and 10 colored.

The following Officers and Managers were elected for four years from December, 1861:

Rev. Chas. Betts, *President.*
" N. Tally, 1*st V. P.*
" W. A. Gamewell, 2*d V. P.*
" H. M. Mood, 3*d V. P.*
" Thos. Raysor, *Secretary.*
" C. H. Pritchard, *Treas.*
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" C. McLeod.
Rev. H. C. Parsons.
" J. W. Kelly.
" W. C. Kirkland.
" J. H. Zimmerman.
" A. B. Stevens.
" A. McCorquodale.
And the Presiding Elders *ex officio.*

LAYMEN.

J. M. Latimer, Esq.
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Dr. E. H. Andrews.
Col. Paul Felder.
Hon. J. Felix Walker.
J. H. Kinsler, Esq.
W. H. Smith.

Rev. F. Milton Kennedy was appointed to prepare the next Annual Report.

MISSION COMMITTEE.

H. A. C. Walker.
J. Stacy.
R. J. Boyd.
C. Betts.
N. Tally.
H. C. Parsons.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

South Carolina Conference Missionary Society

For the Year 1862.

C. H. PRITCHARD, Treasurer,

In Account with South Carolina Conference Missionary Society, Dec. 1863.

To Collections during the past year:

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Bethel, by Rev A M Chrietzberg	$ 58 45
Allendale circuit, by Rev W J E Fripp	41 00
Black Swamp circuit, by Rev Samuel Leard	193 00
Trinity, by Rev J T Wightman: public collections, 134 53; collected from colored people, 165 27; W F Rembert, 25; G W Williams, 25; J N Robson, 25; W Middleton, 10; Mrs M Roper, 10; Miss Martha N Z Robinson's Sunday-school class, 5; a little chimney sweep, 20 cents	400 00
Ashley and Round O mission, by Rev A Nettles: B B Jenkins, 100; R S Bedon, 65; W Traxler, 25; J C Glover, 25; Hopeland plantation, 25; S E Smith, 20; Dr A E Williams, 20; G C Heyward, 20; W Ravenel, 20; Allen C Izard, 20; Mrs C B Verdier, 20; E Caller, 16; R Caller, 15; Z Peeples, 14; J Bivens, 12; H G Sheridan, 10; H R Banks, 10; Thos Laricy, 10; J Wilson, 10; D Burns, 10; G J Crafts, 10; J Prevost, 10; Mrs A Parker, 10; Dr E North, 10; Dr J W Jenkins, 10; sundry persons, 34 20; A E Simmons, 7; A Willis, 7; O E Hughes, 5; A Verdair, 5; A L Campbell, 5; T H Owens, 5; H G Glover, 5; J P Clement, 5; P H Moore, 5; J P Byrnes. 5; B H Welch, 5; P S Davis, 5; O B Davis, 5; J Caller, 5; D Knight, 5; Miss Campbell, 5; Mrs M W Bailey, 5; Dr J Drayton, 5; Dr J O. Glover, 5	650 20
Pon Pon mission, by Rev P G Bowman: Col L Morris, 150; Hon J B Grimbald, 50; H H Manigault, 20; C Baring, 25	245 00
Walterboro' circuit, by Rev W H Fleming	90 00
Ashepoo mission, by Rev J W Coward: Hon N Heyward, 142; Capt R Press Smith, 50; Capt E B Means, 40; Robert Chisolm, 30; Capt W Cooper, 22 50; Hon R B Rhett, 15; W C Bellinger, 30	329 50
Combahee mission, by Rev M L Banks	300 00
	$2,510 15

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

Orangeburg circuit, by Rev J W Kelly	135 00
Barnwell circuit, by Rev W Carson	33 35
Cooper River circuit, by Rev J W Abernathy	57 25
Aiken station, by Rev E F Thwing	12 25
Cypress circuit, by Rev J W D Crook	122 00
St. George's circuit, by Rev W Hutto	125 00
Lexington circuit, by Rev D W Seale	208 50
Graniteville mission, by Rev M A McKibben	436 75
Middle St. John's mission, by Rev G W Moore	203 00
Summerville mission, by Rev J W Miller	434 25
Blackville circuit, by Rev Charles Wilson	34 05
Edisto Eork mission, by Rev E A Price	55 00
	$2,276 90

MARION DISTRICT.

Marion station, Rev Thomas Mitchell	103 70
Black River and Pee Dee mission, by Rev I P Hughes: L A Greer, 20; C J Atkinson, 22; E Coachman, 13 75; Lieut P R Lachicotte, 10; F Greer, 5; Mrs Tarbox, 5; J R Easterling, 30; B M Greer, 25; C Alston, 30; W B Pingle, 15; Dr Sparkman, 7 50; F Weston, 50; Estate Tucker, 40; R F W Alston, 20; W King, 25; Public collection at Pee Dee church, 27; Public collection at Chopper, 26; Public collection at Caper's chapel, 2; at Small Hopes, 1 75	375 00
Marion circuit, by Rev J W Murray	58 00
Waccamaw mission, by Rev C Betts: Dr C Williams, executor estate of Rev J L Belin, 707 82; B Tillman, for estate of Rev J L Belin, 150; John Tillman, 25; B Tillman, 10	892 82
Brownsville circuit, by Rev L M Hamer	125 75
Darlington circuit, by Rev L M Little	118 00
Williamsburg circuit, by Rev D J McMillan	154 25
Darlington circuit, by Rev D J Simmons	69 50
Sampit mission, by Rev J A Moore	515 00
Lynchburg circuit, by Rev M A Connolly	195 00
Liberty Chapel and Lynch's Creek circuit, by Rev W L Pegues	25 00
	$2,637 52

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Camden, by Rev M Brown: Collection, 212 50; for China, 5	217 50
Sumter circuit, by Rev A L Smith: Bethlehem, 68 65; Bethel, 56 50; Rembert's, 34 50; St Luke's, 32 75; Providence, 31 95; St James, 24 50; New Salem, 25 80; Bethany, 22; St John's 13 60; Wells, 10; Lewis Chapel, 4 50; Sandy Grove, 3 50; Marshall's, 1 75	330 00
Rocky Mount circuit, by Rev C H Pritchard	158 00
Manning circuit, by Rev W W Mood: Public collection, 57 80; Sabbath-school at Manning, 7; Anne E Mood, (deceased) 7	71 80
Santee circuit, by Rev Miles Puckett	44 40
Fairfield circuit, Rev A J Cuthbert: Mt Pleasant, 28; Cedar Creek, 34; Winnsboro', 28; Bethel, 20 05; Union, 6 20; Monticello, 2; Rev A J and Mrs M E Cauthen, 15 50	144 20
Richland Fork mission, by Rev C McLeod	231 64
Richland circuit, by Rev W Crook	60 00
Sumter circuit, by Rev H D Moore	50 00
Chester circuit, by Rev J R Pickett	78 35
Sandy River mission, by Rev E A Lemmond	224 00
Washington Street, collected by Rev W A Gamewell, of which 25 from Sunday-school; 10 from infant class; 20 of which to make Miss Susan A Gamewell life member	401 00
Upper Santee mission, by Rev D D Byars: Major R R Briggs, 150; J A Smith, 100; Gen P H Nelson, 50; estate Nelson, 50; Col H N Benbow, 10; P G Benbo, 25; J Spratt, 10; W W Coulleitte, 5; Mrs E H Graham, 10; W H Platt, 5; Capt R S Haynesworth, 5; Major J J Frierson, 25; Capt J N Frierson, 10; J G King, 5; J K Tennant, 5; collections, 15	430 00

Manchester mission, by Rev Thomas W Munnerlyn: Col R C Richardson, 20; J J Boyd, 20; Col W W James, 40: D St Ambrose, 25; Dr Moore, 20; Mrs Elliott, 20; F G Jenkins, 50; Mrs E A Ramsey, 20; Dr W A Ramsey, 5; J N Caldwell, 10; Mrs E A Jenkins, 1; W J Crosswell, 2; Mrs H A Crosswell, 1; J B Crosswell, 3; Mrs S W Crosswell, 1; Alex Doraty, 2; Miss Sue Doraty, 1; W M Reese, 2; W H Bryant, 1; John Hawkins, 1; Mrs S Hawkins, 1; J M Harvin, 1; J Lorance, 1; collections, 43 30	247 30
Congaree mission, by Rev N Talley	255 25
Marion station, by Rev J W North: Public collection, 47 95; colored Missionary Society, 51 80; Sunday-school Society, 20 25	120 00
*Wateree mission, by Rev J L Shuford: Major J M DeSaussure, 125; Col J D Kennedy, 50; Col John English, 34; Mrs English, 20; D D Hocott, 15; Miss Mary Thompson, 2; Miss Martha Thompson, 2; Capt J B Michael, 20; Dr J Millen, 25; estate Thomas Lang, 50; S H Young, 25; John Sanders, 7; F A Huggins, 2; W S Hogan, 4; W Bracy, 1; T O Sanders, 2; B Prescott, 10; T Ivey, 2; Miss G Sanders, 1; Dr S H Sanders, 5; M Sanders, 2; Dr A Sanders, 10; T A DuBose, 3; James McLeod, 20; estate B Boykin, 30; collections at Good Hope, 10; Pinder Hill, 5; Rock Spring, 24; Miss A Creighton, 1; B Cook, 4; Capt J N Lenoir, 5; R Moody, 1	517 00
	$3,631 35

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

Edgefield circuit, by Rev J S Connor	71 00
Ninety-Six, by Rev S H Browne: for white missions, Lebanon, 27 10; Bethel, 1 50; Greenwood, 21 40; Salem, 50	100 00
Butler circuit, by Rev T G Herbert	200 00
Pickens circuit, by Rev F A Morgan	10 00
Cokesbury, by Rev J M Carlisle	119 20
Newberry station, by Rev Bond English	7 50
Anderson circuit, by Rev Wm Bowman	10 00
Abbeville circuit, by Rev A G Stacy	92 00
Newberry circuit, by Rev J W Wightman	204 50
Laurens circuit, by Rev J T Kilgo	20 00
Pendleton circuit, by Rev V A Sharpe	48 55
Rocky Pond mission, by Rev G W M Creighton	175 00
	$1,062 75

WADESBORO' DISTRICT.

Lancaster circuit, by Rev Aug W Walker	15 00
Cheraw circuit, by Rev C Taylor	53 85
Society Hill mission, by Rev C Taylor: J W Williams, 50; Mrs J N Williams, 100; John Witherspoon, 75; Capt S W Evans, 20; Col W H Evans, 100; E E Evans, 50; Hon J McQueen, 55; L Townsend, 50	500 00
Monroe circuit, by Rev J W Puett	1 00
Wadesboro' circuit, by Rev B G Jones	96 00
Concord circuit, by Rev Landy Wood	10 00
Wadesboro' station, by Rev S J Hill	36 80
Ansonville circuit, by Rev J D Carpenter	25 00
Bennettsville circuit, by Rev T R Walsh	700 90
†Catawba mission, by Rev C E Land	467 45
Chesterfield circuit, by Rev Lewis Scarbrough	100 00
	$2,096 00

*Rev. J. L. Shuford acknowledges also the receipt of the following sums for Missionary purposes: J. B. Hammond, $10; E. Doby, $12; J. L. Dixon, $2; Miss Mary Dixon, $1; Miss V. Dixon, $1; Mrs. Dixon, $1; John McKay, $20; J. L. Cook, $5; Mrs. M. Black, $20; W. E. Hughes, $5; Jno. Whitaker, $10; Mrs. S. Ciples, $50; Dr. C. Shannon, $10; Miss Hicks, 50 cents. Total, $147 50.

†Rev. C. E. Land acknowledges also the receipt of $25 from Estate of Col. D. Witherspoon, for Missionary purposes.

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT.

Morganton circuit, by Rev J C Stoll: Miss N Rutherford, 50; John Rutherford, 10; Public collections, 45	105 00
Catawba circuit, by Rev A R Bennick	31 40
Shelby circuit, by Rev O A Darby	38 30
Charlotte circuit, by Rev Jesse S Nelson	1 25
Pineville circuit, by Rev A McCorquodale	16 00
Lincolnton circuit, by G W Ivey	38 70
Lenoir circuit, by Rev J Watts	100 05
Charlotte station, by Rev W McKinney	84 15
Dallas circuit, by Rev A N Wells	35 00
Rock Hill circuit, by Rev. D May	46 70
	$496 55

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

Columbus circuit, by Rev T J Clyde	15 00
Greenville station, by Rev F Auld	110 50
Spartanburg circuit, by Rev J Parker	11 35
Greenville circuit, by Rev R C Oliver	100 00
Goshen Hill circuit, by Rev. John Finger	10 00
Spartanburg station, by Rev J Stacy: China mission, 75; collections, 215 30	290 30
Rutherford circuit, by Rev W W Jones	54 50
Pacolet circuit, by Rev W A Hodges	23 45
Union circuit, by Rev J H Zimmerman	77 00
Pickensville circuit, by Rev T S Daniel	20 00
	$712 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs W M Kennedy	10 00
Interest on Rev J Wofford's Legacy	107 04
Interest from R Bryce, Treasurer, dividends	30 00
Rev H C Parsons	10 00
Rev E W Thompson	10 00
Rev L A Johnson	20 00
Anniversary collections	408 63
Samuel Kingman	5 00
Mrs F Rush	27 00
	$717 67
By paid Rev W P Mouzon for services of missionary on Black River and Pee Dee mission	375 00
By paid Rev C Taylor for services of missionary on Society Hill mission	500 00
By paid Rev W G Connor for services of missionary on Orangeburg district	135 00
By paid Rev T Raysor, Secretary Missionary Board, for Stationery	50
By paid Rev F A Mood for services of missionary on Savannah River mission	100 90
By paid Rev W G Connor for services of missionary	451 00
By paid Rev W G Connor for services of missionary	603 00
By paid Rev W G Connor for services of missionary	434 25
By paid Rev F A Mood for services of missionary	450 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd for services of missionary	150 00
By paid Rev W P Mouzon for services of missionary	525 00
By paid Rev C Taylor for services of missionary	15 00
By paid Rev F A Mood for services of missionary	60 00
Notes in hand uncollected	27 50
Notes in the hands of Dr. Boyd for collection	10 00
Uncurrent money	2 00
Depreciation of $20 Georgia bill	7 00
By paid Rev W P Mouzon for services of missionary	450 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd for services of missionary	231 65

By paid Rev F A Mood for services of missionary	245 00
By paid Rev W G Connor for services of missionary	35 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd for services of missionary	247 30
By paid Rev E H Myers during the year	206 25
By paid Rev F A Mood for services of missionary	329 50
By paid Rev R J Boyd for services of missionary	255 55
By paid Rev W A McSwain for services of missionary	175 00
By paid Rev F A Mood for services of missionary	500 00
By paid Rev C Taylor for services of missionary	467 45
By paid Rev D B Byars' Note	30 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd for services of missionary	450 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd for services of missionary	517 00
By paid Rev F A Mood for services of missionary	200 00
By paid Rev W H Fleming for support of missions	400 00
By paid Rev S H Browne for support of missions	20 00
By paid Rev F A Mood for support of missions	1,710 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd for support of missions	2,165 00
By paid Rev C Taylor for support of missions	820 00
By paid W A Gamewell for support of missions	1,670 00
By paid W G Connor for support of missions	950 00
Cash in hand for support of missions	1,370 29
	$16,781 19

RECAPITULATION FROM DISTRICTS.

Charleston District	$2,510 15
Orangeburg District	2,276 90
Marion District	2,637 52
Columbia District	3,631 35
Cokesbury District	1,062 75
Wadesboro' District	2,096 00
Lincolnton District	496 55
Spartanburg District	712 10
	$15,428 32

Miscellaneous	$7,176 71	
Balance on hand from last year	649 20	
		$16,781 19

EDUCATIONAL.

Standing Committee on Education.—A. M. SHIPP, *Chairman;* JAMES STACY, T. R. WALSH, H. M. MOOD, S. B. JONES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education present the following report, condensed from the papers referred to them for consideration, of the progress of the several institutions of learning under the patronage of the Conference during the current year, and of their present condition:

WOFFORD COLLEGE.

The ninth scholastic year commenced in Wofford College on the 1st day of October last. Twenty-seven students have been in attendance during the session, viz: nineteen Freshmen, five Sophomores, and three Juniors. This number, though in itself small, is yet greater than was expected, as the preceding session, beginning in January, numbered only eighteen students. Of these eighteen, ten entered the military service early in the session, leaving but two classes in college, viz: Freshman and Sophomore, in consequence of which the usual Commencement exercises were omitted. No reasonable hope can be indulged of any considerable increase of patronage until the present war shall close. The deportment of the students during the entire year has been such as to sustain well the former high character of the College in relation to morals and religion, and to recommend it with increased confidence to the public for the education of the young.

The connection of the College with the progress of the war during the year, though of melancholy interest, will yet form a bright page in the annals of the Confederacy which shall be impartially written, and should her career now suddenly terminate, she might well feel that in the consistent piety, the ardent patriotism, and Spartan valor of her sons, she had left to the Church and to the country far more than an equivalent for all that has been expended in her endowment. The voices of nearly one fourth of all who have gone forth from her halls into military service, fallen in the defence of our Southern homes and altars, appeal with earnest and persuasive eloquence from honored graves in every principal battle-field of the Confederacy to the hearts of the guardians of their Alma Mater to provide liberally for her continued well-being and permanent prosperity. It is due to the bright constellation of virtue that crowned the life and death of the noble young men that their names should be particularly mentioned and preserved in the public records of the College. They are as follows, viz: Wil-

liam Maxwell Martin, James Alexander Moore, Richard Ragin King, Eli Hoyle Miller, Theodotus LeGrand Capers, Epaminondas Washington Davis, Thomas Elijah Dawkins, Thomas Carey Duncan, James Jerman Palmer, Felder David Houser, Abraham Samuel Summers, James Emory Williams, Horace Asbury McSwain, Nicholas David Oglesby, Benjamin Wofford Wells, John Melvin Zimmerman, John George Barber, Sumter Wickham Tarrant, Robert Lemuel Pearson, and Whitefoord Andrew Smith. These honored names are enshrined in the heart of their Alma Mater, and their bright examples will urge onward successive generations of students in the noble cause of patriotism, virtue, and religion.

The present crisis in our ecclesiastical and civil affairs demands on our part, as Christians and as patriots, increased attention to the welfare of the College and the general subject of education. Our country is not to be saved by any mere change of government, however auspicious, unless intelligence go in advance and prepare the way. Civil government is an *effect* rather than a *cause*, an exponent of what the people are rather than a power effective to make them what they should be. Many must run to and fro, and knowledge must be increased. The people must be touched and magnetized with the true spirit of liberty. Above all, the regenerating power of the gospel must be put forth, and the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations must be scattered broadcast among our people. As well might a palace rest suspended in the air, or the Andes on the bosom of the Atlantic, as civil government be sustained without religion. The seed of intelligence and piety therefore must be planted in the minds of our people, and especially, of our youth. A growing interest on the part of the Conference and of the public in the success of the College is earnestly invoked, and it is humbly yet confidently suggested that the benefactions of the Church can at present flow in no channel promising richer results than in enlarging and strengthening its resources for future usefulness.

The next Session will begin on Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1863.

The Faculty is composed of the Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; David Duncan, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature; Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Professor of English Literature; James H. Carlisle, A. M., Professor of Mathematics; Warren DuPre, A. M., Professor of Natural Science.

The following constitute the *Board of Trustees:* H. A. C. Walker, A. M. Shipp, W. A. Gamewell, J. R. Pickett, C. Betts, W. P. Mouzon, H. M. Mood, H. Wofford, W. J. T. Miller, G. Cannon, J. H. Dogan, G. W. Williams, Robert Bryce; and the following is the *Committee of Visitors* appointed for the present year: N. Talley, B. English, R. J. Boyd, Ex Gov. W. H. Gist, Dr. J. H. Zimmerman, and B. Evans.

COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

Exposed to all the financial evils of war, aggravated by a spirit of extortion generally prevalent, it is not surprising, in the judgment of the Trustees, that this College should have had its share of losses and difficulties. With its resources contracted by reason of decreased patronage, and the patronage in many cases a tax through either the negligence or indifference of its debtors, the question might well be entertained whether the College should not have been closed during the continuance of the war. The prevailing opinion, however, among those to whom its interests were entrusted was adverse to any step that might compromise its dignity or detract from its high character as one of the permanent, established institutions of the country, and it was accordingly resolved that no effort on their part should be spared to enable it still to dispense its blessings, notwithstanding the gloom and darkness of the times. To accomplish this it became necessary that they should assume a direct responsibility in its behalf, and raise the necessary funds. This they did, which will account for the increased indebtedness of the College of $3,200, as appeared by the last exhibit of the Treasurer.

In June last, in consequence of the resignation of the Rev. Wm. Martin, the Trustees called to the Presidency the Rev. H. M. Mood. During the short period of his administration everything has worked most harmoniously, and gives promise in which is great confidence of a bright and prosperous career Ably sustained as he is by Professor Wannamaker and the entire corps of teachers, the College must and will attain a distinction second to none in our country.

The number of pupils now in attendance is 102, of whom 58 are boarders. Several have already given notice of their intention to enter in the early part of the next year. The indebtedness of the College may be set down at $18,000, and its assets at $10,000. It is to be hoped that this will remain so no longer, but that all feeling and manifesting an interest commensurate with that which we have at stake will urge upon the people the speedy liquidation of this indebtedness. Has education no munificent, no liberal friends in South Carolina? Let us see. The following constitute the *Board of Trustees:* R. J. Boyd, W. Crook, J. Stacy, C. H. Pritchard, W. H. Fleming, W. G. Connor, T. R. Walsh, S. H. Browne, C. Taylor, F. A. Mood, E. J. Meynardie, S. Townsend, D. J. Simmons, A. Wallace, R. Bryce, J. W. Parker, E. J. Arthur, J. S. Preston, W. W. Walker, J. H. Boatwright, R. D. Senn, S. O. Talley, A. F. DuBard, W. Glaze, A. N. Talley, W. Wallace.

The following is the Committee of Visitors: H. A. C. Walker, S. H. Browne, J. T. Wightman.

The following constitute the Faculty: Rev. Henry M. Mood,

A. M., President and Professor of Evidences of Christianity, History, Belles Lettres, Logic, and Moral Philosophy; Rev. T. E. Wannamaker, A. M., Professor of Mathematics, Ancient Languages, and Natural Science; Mrs. Frank Gamewell, Instructress in Philosophy, Physiology, Rhetoric, etc.; Miss L. H. Jones, Instructress in Geology, Arithmetic, etc.; Miss H. Bachus, Instructress in Geography, English Grammar, Botany, etc.; Mons. E. D'Ovilliers, Professor of French, Painting, and Drawing; W. H. Orchard, and Henry Schoeller, Professors of Music; Miss E. Orchard, Instructress in Music; Mrs. E. D'Ovilliers, Instructress in German, Italian, and Vocal Music; Mrs. M. E. Brady, Instructress in Fancy Work; John B. Black, Steward; Mrs. E. A. Black, Matron.

COKESBURY SCHOOL.

This institution has had an average patronage, during the past year, of about thirty pupils, who, with few exceptions, have manifested a satisfactory proficiency in their studies, especially when the adverse influences which the present war has unavoidably exerted upon the minds of all classes is taken into consideration. Of the six students elected by the Conference at its last session to receive the benefit of the Holloway Fund, five have been in attendance and have proved themselves worthy of the favor thus conferred upon them. While it would be exceedingly gratifying to have them all re-enter the school next year if circumstances would permit, yet, on account of the high price of board, it is thought that the number of beneficiaries will have to be reduced.

It is difficult to say what will be the prospects of the school for another year. The exercises of the institution, however, will be continued, in hope that more favorable circumstances will still make it profitable and remumerative.

The Teachers and Board of Trustees same as last year.

Visitors: C. McLeod, J. H. Zimmerman, S. Townsend.

DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE.

At the close of the collegiate year in April last the Rev. H. M. Mood, who has labored so assiduously and successfully to build up the institution, resigned the presidency. He was succeeded by the Rev. R. N. Price, who commenced under favorable auspices, and continued until near the close of the present session, when he retired from the College to re-enter the itinerant ministry. The exercises are not, however, totally suspended, and it is hoped that a competent President and corps of teachers will soon be elected, and that the institution will rise to a higher position of usefulness and renown than it has yet attained.

CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.

In the absence of any formal report from this institution, the Committee has been able to learn only the fact that it has been closed during the past year, and know nothing of the intentions of its trustees for the future, except that it is desirable that it be re-opened as early as possible.

The Clerical Trustees are Revs. H. C. Parsons, F. Milton Kennedy, R. R. Pegues, W. C. Power, and the Presiding Elder of the Wadesboro' district; the preachers in charge of the Wadesboro' station, Wadesboro' circuit, and Ansonville circuit are Trustees *ex officio;* Col. Wm. G. Smith, Hallom Sturdevant, E. G. Knight, Thomas Kendall, Purdie Richardson, W. P. Kindall, Dr. W. F. Harllee, are the lay members of the Board of Trustees.

SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

From a review of the operations of the College during the past year, the Trustees are gratified in being able to report that the interest heretofore felt in this institution by an enlightened and discerning public has suffered no diminution. This is manifest in the patronage it continues to receive during the present deranged condition of affairs in the country. The number of pupils in attendance proves that the superior advantages here offered to those who are desirous of acquiring a thorough education are understood and appreciated by the public. Located in one of our most pleasant villages, easily accessible, and remote from the theatre of war, it presents special inducements to those who may be seeking a temporary home for their families. Connected with these exterior advantages is the ample provision made for the careful training of the mind; and, above all, the signal favor with which God has again blessed the institution in sending a season of refreshing from His presence. Many of the pupils have been converted and are adorning their profession by a well-ordered walk and godly conversation.

The income of the institution has been for several years past and still is equal to all its expenditures. The College is in want of room to conduct its operations with the largest success. Some two years ago seven or eight thousand dollars were subscribed to replace the buildings lost by fire. The central building of the group is still unfinished; and, mainly, for the want of an agent to collect the amount so generously subscribed. With the funds subscribed in hand, or equivalent notes, the desired end can be attained at once.

In conclusion, the institution is recommended to the favor and support of the Church and an intelligent public. The Faculty consists of Wm. K. Blake, A. M., President; Rev. A. J. Stokes, A. B., Resident Professor; Rev. J. H. Sturtevant, A. B.,

Professor; J. C. Faber, M. D., Instructor of French; E. Falk, Esq., Professor of Music; Mrs. E. Falk, Assistant Music Teacher; Mrs. C. Y. Baker, Assistant in Literary Department; A. Bethune, Steward.

The following constitute the Board of Trustees: S. Bobo, A. W. Walker, A. H. Lester, J. W. Wightman, C. Murchison, T. G. Herbert, J. A. Porter, C. McLeod, Dr. A. Bivings, W. DuPre, T. O. T. Vernon, A. H. Kirby, J. H. Wilson.

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JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

1. It shall be the duty of the Board, after ascertaining the whole amount of claims against them, annually to apportion the same to the several circuits and stations in the Conference district, and each preacher having charge of a circuit or station shall furnish his successor with the amount apportioned to his charge.

2. Each preacher shall make all necessary efforts to collect the money apportioned to his charge by the Board.

3. The preacher in charge of each circuit shall (at the close of the Conference year) fix the first appointment for his successor at the church nearest the parsonage, or place of boarding; and shall allow him, thereafter, at least one week, to

arrange for the year, during which time (the day to be fixed the preceding year by the preacher and stewards) the stewards shall hold the first meeting at the parsonage or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of each steward to attend.

4. Each Board of Stewards, respectively, shall ascertain the whole claim against the circuit for the current year, both for quarterage and travelling expenses, as definitely as possible; and they shall then make an estimate of the family expenses of the preacher or preachers of the circuit, including servants' hire and house rent (if a house is to be rented), and the entire claim against the circuit for the current year shall be apportioned to the several congregations composing the circuit, forthwith; each congregation to be notified immediately of the amount it is expected to collect.

5. The stewards shall divide the congregations composing the circuit among themselves, and shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amounts apportioned to them.

6. It shall be the duty of the stewards to open subscription books in each congregation, to meet the current claim; and they shall also cause public collections to be taken up, if they deem it necessary, for the same purpose.

7. The stewards shall settle with the preachers quarterly, and to this end the subscriptions shall be taken in quarterly instalments.

8. The Conference collections for the support of our superannuated preachers, widows, and orphans of preachers, and to meet the claims of preachers deficient in quarterage, shall be taken up in each congregation as early in the year as practicable.

9. The Board of District Stewards shall be a Standing Board for four years; *provided, nevertheless*, that should any vacancy occur in the Board, such vacancy shall be supplied by the Quarterly Conference; and each district steward shall be charged with collecting the amount apportioned for the Presiding Elder to the circuit or station where he resides.

10. The Board of District Stewards shall be charged with the work of supplying the district parsonage with suitable furniture, and shall be authorized to take up collections for this object in their respective charges.

11. Each member of the Joint Board, and more especially the chairman thereof, shall feel it his duty to be active in endeavoring to improve the financial condition of the Church, by correspondence with the stewards of the several charges, by public addresses to the Church at suitable times, or in any other way he may deem best.

12. The Circuit Stewards shall make arrangements early in the year, if they deem it necessary, to receive from the congregations assigned to them such provisions as they may be able to give for the support of the preacher's family, which shall be

delivered at the parsonage at market prices, and shall be placed to the credit of the church sending it as family expenses.

13. The Board of Stewards, on their respective charges, are requested to co-operate with the ministers laboring among them in securing the amount the charge has been requested to collect as Conference collection by private applications to our wealthier members, and, if necessary, by public collections in their respective congregations.

14. The respective Boards of Stewards shall have authority to retain any surplus Conference collections, to meet the deficiencies, if any, in the current expenses in the charge where it is collected.

15. The missionaries are requested to solicit donations for the benefit of the superannuated preachers, widows, and orphans of preachers, together with deficient effective preachers of the Conference, from the white membership of the church under their care.

16. The Presiding Elders shall constitute a Standing Committee to ascertain the names of claimants, and the amount of claim each has upon the funds managed by the Board, which information shall be placed in the hands of some member of the Board, during the first or second day of the session of the Conference, annually.

17. Whenever an effective claimant receives on his work an amount equal to his quarterage, he shall have no claim on the funds of this Board.

18. We recommend all our circuits and stations to publish, from year to year, in one or more of the papers published in the district or county, the names of the stewards of each circuit and station for the current year.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.—J. Stacy, *Chairman;* S. B. Jones, *Secretary and Treasurer;* S. Leard, W. Martin, C. Murchison, J. W. North, D. J. Simmons, and C. McLeod, of the clergy; and S. Olin Talley, Columbia, S. C.; Joseph P. Smith, Spartanburg, S. C.; George W. Williams, Charleston; S. M. Stevenson, Marion, S. C.; Dr. J. H. Dogan, Union, S. C.; Dr. W. J. T. Miller, Shelby, N. C., of the laity.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Conference, ordered the following

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SALARY OF THE BISHOPS FOR 1863.

Charleston district, $160. Orangeburg district, $160. Marion district, $160. Columbia district, $160. Cokesbury district, $160. Wadesboro' district, $80. Lincolnton district, $80. Spartanburg district, $80.

JAMES STACY, *Chairman.*

Spartanburg, S. C., December 11.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1863 OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Cumberland street and Trinity, $200. Bethel, $125. Spring street, —. Walterboro', $125. Bamberg, $100. Allendale, $100. Black Swamp, $200. Orangeburg, $200. Cypress, $150. Summerville, $75. Cooper River, $50. St. George, $100. Blackville, $100. Edisto Fork, $25. Barnwell, $40. Aiken, $40. Graniteville, $30. Lexington, $75. Marion station, $85. Marion circuit, $75. Georgetown, $75. Conwayboro', $50. Darlington station, $50. Lynchburg, $50. Brownsville, $75. Williamsburg, $85. Darlington circuit, $85. Santee, $100. Manning, $40. Cokesbury, $125. Laurens, $100. Newbery station, $30. Newberry circuit, $125. Ninety-Six, $75. Saluda and Rocky Pond, $50. Butler, $30. Edgefield, $50. Abbeville, $100. Anderson, $25. Pendleton, $25. Pickens, $25. Wadesboro' station, $50. Wadesboro' circuit, $100. Ansonville, $50. Albemarle, $25. Concord, $30. Monroe, $30. Lancaster, $60. Catawba River, $25. Chesterfield, $25. Cheraw, $60. Bennetsville, $150. Lincolnton, $50. Dallas, $25. Lynch's Creek, $50. Washington Street, $175. Marion Street, $75. Fairfield, $100. Chester, $50. Rocky Mount, $85. Richland, $50. Camden, $75. Sumter station, $75. Sumter circuit, $175. Spartanburg circuit, $30. McDowell, $25. Rutherford, $40. Union, $130. Greenville circuit, $50. Richland Fork Mission, $30. Pineville, $50. Charlotte station, $50. Charlotte circuit, $50. Catawba circuit, $50. Lenoir, $40. Morganton, $50. Shelby, $50. Yorkville station, $30. Rock Hill, $50. Spartanburg station, $100. Columbus, $25. Pacolet, $35. Goshen Hill, $75. Greenville station, $30. Pickensville, $25.

JAMES STACY, *Chairman.*

December 13, 1862.

INCORPORATED CONFERENCE.

The South Carolina Annual (Incorporated) Conference held its regular Annual Meeting in the Conference room, at Spartanburg, December 15, 1862, Rev. Dr. W. Smith, *President*, in the chair.

The following members of the Ecclesiastical Conference were duly elected members: J. D. Carpenter, J. P. De Pass, T. H. Edwards, N. K. Melton, H. J. Morgan, W. A. Hodges, D. J. McMillan, J. H. C. McKinney, J. L. Sifley, J. L. Stoudemire, J. H. Tart, R. B. Tarrant, J. J. Workman, J. A. Wood, W. M. Wilson, J. F. Wilson, and W. T. Capers.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers and also of Treasurer, were presented and adopted, showing the finances of the body to be in a sound condition. The appropriations from the various funds of the Conference at this session amounted to $1,385.

After the usual business the following were elected officers for the next year:

Rev. Dr. W. Smith, *President;* H. A. C. Walker, *First Vice-President;* A. M. Shipp, *Second Vice-President;* W. Martin, *Third Vice-President;* H. C. Parsons, *Fourth Vice-President;* W. A. Gamewell, *Secretary.*

Managers.—A. Wallace, R. Bryce, S. Bobo, G. W. Williams, and B. F. Evans.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of the South Carolina Conference was held in Spartanburg, S. C., December 16, 1862.

The meeting was called to order by the President, the Rev. W. A. Gamewell, and the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read.

The following important contributions were made to the Society's collection of relics:

1. A plain, but elegant walking cane, once the property of Bishop Asbury, presented by the Rev. W. A. Gamewell, to be received on deposit.

2. The copy of the New Testament which Bishop Asbury used in his itinerant labors in this country, given to the Society by the Rev. Henry Asbury, of Lincoln county, N. C.

3. Two rare and valuable books on Methodism, presented by S. J. Wagner, Esq., of Charleston, through the Rev. J. T. Wightman.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was directed to return the thanks of the Society to the generous donors.

The Rev. J. T. Wightman was appointed Historical Lecturer for the next annual meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Albert M. Shipp, D. D., *President;* W. A. Gamewell, *First Vice-President;* Dr. R. J. Boyd, *Second Vice-President;* W. A. McSwain, *Third Vice-President;* A. G. Stacy, *Recording Secretary;* F. A. Mood, *Corresponding Secretary;* C. H. Pritchard, *Treasurer.*

Curators.—Robert Bryce, Simpson Bobo, and James H. Carlisle.

Managers.—T. R. Walsh, James Stacy, J. T. Wightman, Wm. Martin, Wm. Crook, Wm. G. Connor, B. English, Manning Brown, and O. A. Darby.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned.

A. G. Stacy, *Recording Secretary.*